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KOHEI WATANABE, et al.)

Application No.: 10/554,211)

Int'l. Filing Date: December 16, 2004)

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For: BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE)
SUBSTANCE TRANSFER)
SHEET, CELL CULTURE KIT)
CONSTITUTED OF CELL)
CULTURE PLATE AND)
BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE)
SUBSTANCE TRANSFER)
SHEET, PRODUCING METHOD)
THEREOF AND METHOD FOR)
SCREENING CELL CULTURE)
CONDITIONS UTILIZING THE)
SAME)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than the U.S. patent documents, are enclosed.

The following documents are discussed at the following pages of the specification:

<u>Documents</u>	<u>Page(s)</u>
U.S. 6,368,838	3
U.S. 5,108,926	3
Yoshihiro Ito, "Biomaterial to Communicate with Cells: Adhesion and Gene Expression of Cells," Protein, Nucleic Acid and Enzyme, Vol. 45, No. 5, 2000	3
Japan 2000-512009	3
U.S. 6,103,479	4
Japan 2002-328124	6
Japan 003-33177	6

English-language abstracts for the Japanese documents are also enclosed.

U.S. Publication No. 2002/0019011 is believed to be in the same patent family as Japan 2002-328124, and WO 97/45730 is believed to be in the same patent family as Japan 2000-512009.

Japan 2002-355025, which is also discussed in the specification (at page 5), was previously cited in the October 24, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:


<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Int'l. Filing Date</u>	<u>U.S. Filing Date or 371(c) Date</u>	<u>Applicants</u>
10/582,099	12/13/2004	--	O. Kanome K. Watanabe T. Miyazaki T. Fujiyama R. Matsuda

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

Applicants request that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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